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Cops investigating Spryfield area arson

CRIME Police are investigating an arson within the brush fire zone from last week's forest fire blaze in the Spryfield area.

Halifax Regional Police and officers from the RCMP Integrated General Investigative Section are looking into an arson at a home on Aarons Way that occurred during the brush fire, which began Thursday afternoon and lasted into Friday.

Police say the arson is believed to have occurred during the evacuation process.

"We can't speculate on motive," said HRP spokesperson Theresa Rath. "Certainly, there's extensive damage to the interior of the house."

The home was not destroyed. Police are continuing to investigate.

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Change near, says Iqantieff



Miles Gallagher shows the damage to his Fortress Drive home and mobile studio yesterday. Last week's Spryfield-area forest fire destroyed eight homes and damaged 10 others. **More coverage, pg. 2.**

Rebuilding lives

Local neighbourhood looks for answers from the ashes

HILARY BEAUMONT
for Metro Halifax

Three days after fire reduced his home to ashes, Miles Gallagher hugs his neighbour, Bev, in front of the blackened skeleton of her home.

Flames from a devastating forest fire swept through their Spryfield area neighbourhood late last week, ravaging some homes and leaving others untouched.

Now that the fire is out, Gallagher is driving around his neighbourhood offering any support he can.

Gallagher cracks a joke

"We saw it hours before it hit, but we didn't have time to do anything because we were taking people out."

Miles Gallagher

to Bev, who flashes back a smile.

"You've gotta rebuild," he told her, walking back to his car.

She shakes her head, still smiling. Gallagher lost his house on Fortress Drive and his livelihood in the blaze. He ran a recording studio from the top floor of his home and from a trailer in his yard. He said he could have saved the trailer, but was helping neighbours save their families and pets.

"We saw it hours before it hit, but we didn't have time to do anything to our place because we were taking people out of the other buildings," he said.

When he tried to hook his trailer to the truck, the flames engulfed his house. He lost 41 irreplaceable guitars and other sound equipment. Gallagher hopes to rebuild his house over the next six months, but isn't sure if he'll rebuild his business.

On the next street over,

Kellie Skelhorn doesn't know if she'll rebuild either.

She and her partner, Brian Perry, lost everything in the fire.

"That's my father's 1983 BMW sitting there, see the gas tank?" Perry says pointing at what used to be the garage. "This was a dream home for us."

Tears cloud Skelhorn's green eyes as she picks up a ruined porcelain bell, one of the remaining pieces of the Precious Memories set she has collected since she was 12. Gallagher hugs her, too. So far he has not convinced the couple to rebuild their home.

Apartment blaze kills one man in north end

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax

INVESTIGATION Halifax fire-fighters found a man dead on his couch when they rushed to an apartment blaze in the city's north end early yesterday morning.

Loud sirens broke the late night silence when three trucks and 10 crew members with Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service responded to the fire on the third floor of 3232 Isleville St. at about 1:20 a.m., Platoon Chief Mike Blackburn said.

"There was a smoke condition on the third floor," Blackburn said. "Crews advanced a line to the third floor (and) entered the one unit."

Firefighters found "one lone occupant ... who was deceased" while they were putting out the blaze, Blackburn said.

He said another tenant tried to rescue the man, but ended up in hospital with smoke inhalation.

Investigators hadn't determined what caused the fire by yesterday afternoon, but Staff Sgt. Jim Butler of Halifax Regional Police said the blaze isn't suspicious.

Butler said police believed they had identified the man but were still doing forensic tests yesterday.

Blackburn said he appears to be in his late 50s.

The Red Cross said most residents were expected to return home to the 24-unit, three-storey brick building yesterday.

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Police have one man in custody following an attempted robbery of the Sydney Credit Union Saturday morning. Sgt. Joe Melnick of the Cape Breton Regional Police, Central Division, said the incident occurred at about 9 a.m. The Townsend Street branch wasn't open at the time. **CAPE BRETON POST**

Local



Tall Ships fest receives \$760K

The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency announced Saturday an investment of \$760,000 to Nova Scotia's 2009 Tall Ships Festival. The first leg of the international challenge race destined for Nova Scotia began last week, with one of the world's largest ships, the Kruzenshtern from Russia, a late addition. About 50 ships will sail into Halifax for the July 16 to 20 waterfront festival. **METRO HALIFAX**

No cause yet in 'wind-driven fire'

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax

Firefighters kept a close watch on the Spryfield area over the weekend in case of flare-ups from a blaze that blew through the community Thursday, burning down eight homes and devastating residents.

"Fire crews won't leave the scene of a fire until they are sure there is no longer any threat of hot spots," Natural Resources Department Minister Carolyn Bolivar-Getson said in a news release.

Rain falling over the Halifax region Friday helped crews tame the fire, along with five of the province's helicopters and three water-bombers from New Brunswick.

"If we didn't have the rain this fire may not be under control," Halifax Regional Fire spokesman Lloyd Currie told reporters Friday afternoon inside the Captain William Spry Community Centre on Kid-



Brian Perry and Kellie Skelhorne's home on Aarons Way was completely destroyed by last week's Spryfield-area fire while their neighbours' home in behind only received minor damage.

ston Road, which served as a temporary shelter for those who have been evacuated.

Currie said it is believed the brush fire was sparked in the "general vicinity" of the McIntosh Run, but in-

vestigators hadn't pinpointed a cause by yesterday.

He said the wind-

whipped flames and thick clouds of smoke spread across an area between 800 and 1,200 hectares, with homes on Aarons Way and Fortress Drive, both off Purcell's Cove Road, suffering the most damage.

HRM Mayor Peter Kelly told the media Friday that provincial and city workers were all on the ball "once they knew the severity and speed of this."

Kelly said one police officer suffered from smoke inhalation, but no other injuries have been reported. He said a dog and two cats were presumed dead.

"This was a wind-driven fire, fuelled by fine forest materials such as dried leaves and pine needles," Paul Schnurr of the Natural Resources Department said in the release.

Joanne Lawlor of the Canadian Red Cross said professional crisis counselors and trained volunteers were helping out displaced residents.

The city says most people have now returned home.

Would-be hijacker charged

JAMAICA The Jamaican man who tried to hijack a Halifax-based charter aircraft in Montego Bay last month has been charged with robbery, assault and other offences, police said Friday.

Stephen Fray, 21, is accused of holding passengers and crew captive aboard a Canjet flight at Donald Sangster International Airport in the resort city April 19.

Police said Fray had been charged with assault, robbery with aggravation, illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of ammunition, shooting with intent and breaching the civil aviation act.

The most serious charge, illegal possession of a firearm, can carry a sentence of up to 20 years.

Police accused Fray of using a .38-calibre revolver to seize the Boeing 737-800 jet and take more than 180 passengers and crew hostage April 19. Authorities said he initially demanded to be flown to Cuba.

A shot was fired as the drama unfolded, but no one was hurt. More than 170 passengers were freed early in the drama, but the would-be hijacker kept the crew on board for eight hours before armed police and soldiers stormed the jet. **REUTERS**

'Grateful' family OK: Blaze victim

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax

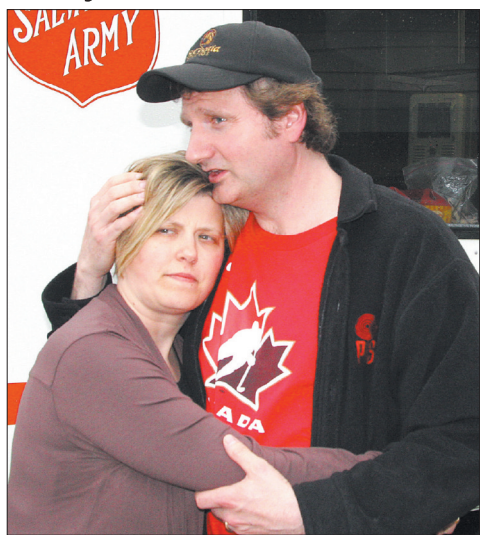
Lara Ryan's eyes well up with tears as she talks about the baby pictures and other irreplaceable belongings her family had to leave behind in their Fergusons Cove home, which was destroyed in last week's forest fire.

"It's tough ... it's our home and we loved it," she said Friday, her voice cracking as she and her husband spoke with reporters at the Captain William Spry Community Centre in Spryfield.

Brett Ryan, a local musician who lost a grand piano and several guitars in the fire, said he's just relieved everyone escaped 14 Fortress Drive with their lives.

"If anything, we walk away from this just being extremely grateful that we've got our family here," he said. The couple has three children, who Brett said are taking the shock in stride, as well as a dog and a couple of pet rats.

They returned to see



Brett Ryan embraces his wife Lara outside of the Captain William Spry Community Centre in Spryfield. The couple's Fortress Drive home burned to the ground in last Thursday's fire.

what little was left of their house Friday, which Brett said did "provide a bit of closure." But he added it's time for his family to rebuild their lives.

Although some angry residents told the media

they should have been alerted about the fire sooner, the Ryans said they were impressed with the response of emergency services. They're now staying with Brett's parents in Fairview.

Tenant sought as police investigate gunshot

Halifax Regional Police want to speak with a 26-year-old male after a single gunshot went through his apartment wall then travelled through the wall of an adjoining apartment.

Staff Sgt. James Butler of HRP said at 9:37 p.m. Saturday night, they were called to a Kencrest Avenue apartment building in Halifax to a report of shots being fired.

When they arrived, police said the 26-year-old who rents the apartment where the shot came from

had fled on foot and couldn't be located.

The tenant of the adjoining apartment was home when the shot was fired, but wasn't injured. Police were at the scene most of yesterday and recovered a single bullet.

"There is no reason to believe this was an intentional act towards the resident of that apartment," Butler said. "There's no reason to believe this guy was trying to shoot his neighbour."

Police are continuing to investigate. **METRO HALIFAX**

Police seek man performing lewd act outside apartments

INVESTIGATION Halifax Regional Police are investigating two incidents of a man masturbating outside different Clayton Park apartment buildings last week.

Police say last Tuesday evening at 8:50 p.m., a woman reported seeing a man outside her apartment on Westridge Drive masturbating.

The next night, police received a report of a similar incident taking place Tuesday at a nearby apartment on Harrington Crescent at 10:15 p.m.

In both cases, police say the man is described as white, in his 20s, with an average build. He was also wearing a large black coat.

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Section of the Trans-Canada from North Sydney to the Canso Causeway has new name
The Mabel and Alexander Graham Bell Way, to honour the contributions of the famous inventor and his wife, was announced as the new name for the highway Saturday. **CAPE BRETON POST**

Nineteen new cases, no hospitalization

H1N1 Influenza A detected faster now than test results coming from Nova Scotia

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax

Nineteen new mild cases of H1N1 influenza A, formerly referred to as swine flu, were confirmed in Nova Scotia over the weekend, including several in the Halifax Regional Municipality, the province announced.

That brings the province-wide known total to 33 cases, the Health Promotion

and Protection Department says. Seventeen cases were reported Saturday, with 11 stemming from King's-Edgell school in Windsor, while six others were reported from the metro Halifax area, either through doctors' offices or at emergency rooms.



Robert Strang

It was found out yesterday one of these six cases was a student at Baddeck Academy. The student, who had been visiting King's-Edgell, is home recovering.

Two other mild cases of H1N1 were reported yesterday, both related to the King's-Edgell community. "Right now we are working to gather more information about the confirmed cases outside of King's-Edgell," Robert Strang, Nova Scotia's chief public medical

Feel crummy? Call this number

• A new toll free number has been established by the province for information on H1N1. The number is 1-888-

451-4222, with public health staffers manning the phone line from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. seven days a week.

officer, said Saturday.

No one has been hospitalized as a result of these new cases, Strang said, reiterating that none of the Nova Scotians afflicted with H1N1 have experienced symptoms as severe as what has been

seen in Mexico.

Hand-washing, coughing or sneezing into sleeves, disinfecting common surfaces such as counters and door-knobs and staying away from public areas when sick are the best ways to prevent

the spread of human swine influenza, the provincial government says.

"It is important to remember that daily activities should continue as normal," Strang said.

As of Friday, Nova Scotia doctors started conducting tests to detect H1N1 in Halifax, leading to a faster turnaround time for results.

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'Rest ... You have stood your watch'

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax

Rear Admiral William Moss Landymore set out to sea for a final journey Friday, his ashes scattered into the Atlantic Ocean from HMCS Toronto following a full military honours memorial service recognizing his long and illustrious career with the Royal Canadian Navy.

The celebration of Landymore's life was one of several events held over the past few days in Halifax to mark the 66th Anniversary of the Victory at Sea and the Battle of the Atlantic. Landymore, who died Nov. 27 at The Veterans' Memorial Hospital, served during the battle to keep shipping routes between North America and Europe open, which the Navy calls the longest single campaign of the Second World War.

Landymore, 92, lived long past the Battle of the Atlantic, but 4,234 Canadians died between September 1939 and May 1945 for their country and its allies.

Lt.-Cmdr. Bruce Hayes reminded the large crowd gathered inside St. Brendan's Chapel at the CFB Halifax Faith Centre that Landymore



Grandson William Landymore (right) carries an urn holding Rear Admiral William Moss Landymore's ashes into St. Brendan's Chapel Friday morning at CFB Halifax for a memorial service celebrating his grandfather's life, including a long naval career.

more survived the sinking of two ships during the world war. He became commanding officer of HMCS Iroquois for the Korean War and received the Order of the British Empire for his "gallant service," Hayes said. Landymore continued to climb the Navy ranks and was promoted to rear admiral and appointed to flag officer in 1962.

Hayes said Landymore ran his life "like a ship's routine," adding "sailors will always be sailors; the sea will always be at our door."

"Rest Rear Admiral, you have stood your watch, always with dignity," he said.

But serving his country with perseverance and pride wasn't Landymore's only passion. The Brantford, Ont., native was an accomplished

golfer, an American baseball fan, enjoyed working on model ships and adored his family. He was predeceased by his wife Joan "Judy" L.G. Hall and is survived by three children, eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, his second wife Eleanor Fair and several stepchildren and step grandchildren, a Globe and Mail obituary stated.

Cops assaulted while trying to break up school fights

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Fourteen people were arrested after several fights broke out Friday afternoon at Auburn Drive High School in Cole Harbour.

According to Cpl. Joe Taplin of the RCMP, a fight broke out in the school between two students at 12:55 p.m. Staff separated the students and they were taken to the office.

A few minutes later however, the fire alarm was pulled and all of the school's students were evacuated to the soccer field where other fights broke out.

"There wasn't a huge number involved — there are 1,100 students at the school," Taplin said of the outside melee. "It was a very minimal number of students who were involved in the fights, but a lot were looking and watching."

RCMP responded to the scene first, and later called

Halifax Regional Police for backup. While trying to break up the fights, Taplin said two police officers were assaulted.

"I can't get into details of (what happened to them) because it's all evidence now," Taplin said. "But two males and two females were arrested and are facing charges of assaulting a police officer."

Another 10 students were arrested for causing a disturbance and breaching the peace.

Police are continuing to investigate to see what

caused the fights, and whether the one, which took place inside the school, is related to the ones which took place outside.

Taplin also hopes video surveillance at the school will determine who pulled the fire alarm.

"There could be pretty serious charges relating to that," Taplin said about whoever pulled the alarm. "They could almost be charged with inciting a riot."

No plans to hike electricity rates in 2010

UTILITIES Nova Scotia Power doesn't plan to request an increase in base electricity rates for 2010.

The news comes after the power company hit customers with an average increase of 9.3 per cent for 2009, a hike approved by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

"We know price stability is important to our customers and providing this information now will help them make plans for the next year," said Rob Bennett, president and CEO. "As always, Nova Scotia Power is doing everything we can to control costs and

manage our business within the base rates that have been approved by our regulator."

World commodity prices provide reason for optimism that no upward adjustment in rates would occur in 2010 through the new Fuel Adjustment Mechanism, Bennett said in a release.

"Volatility in world commodity markets means many things can happen

between now and the end of the year and while there are no guarantees, we are encouraged by the trend on fuel prices, especially for coal, in the early part of 2009," Bennett said.

He noted the decision has no impact on Nova Scotia Power's commitment to improve reliability.

Work on reliability initiatives is already under way.

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Foreign seal hunt observers await judge's ruling in anti-sealing case

CONTROVERSY A provincial court judge will rule next month on whether two anti-sealing activities broke marine mammal regulations by getting too close to the seal hunt without an observer permit.

The three-and-a-half day trial of Alex Cornelissen of Sweden and Peter Hammarstedt of the Netherlands, captain and first mate of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society ship the Farley Mowat, came to a close last week.

Judge Jean Whalen has reserved her decision and

will rule on the matter June 30.

The trial is proceeding without both of the accused, which are also not represented by counsel.

They were deported from Canada last year and the Sea Shepherd Society maintains they can't legally re-enter Canada.

They are charged with coming within one-half nautical mile, 926 metres, of a seal hunt without being properly authorized in incidents that occurred March 30, 2008, and April 11-12, 2008.

CAPE BRETON POST

News in brief

STABBING Halifax Regional Police say a dispute between a father and son resulted in the 33-year-old stabbing his dad in the buttocks with a knife. Police were called to the 5000 block of Sun Rise Walk early Saturday morning. Police said no one would provide statements, but that they learned the son came to his father's house and a fight broke out. The father was transported to the hospital with a minor puncture wound. Police are still searching for the suspect.

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Please recycle

Truro treatment plant gets new funding

Colchester County's waste-management system will undergo a number of improvements. The governments of Nova Scotia and Canada will each invest \$3.53 million to fund the large-scale, infrastructure-improvement project to improve the reliability and efficiency of the water-treatment plant located in Lower Truro. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

\$128M set aside for affordable housing

HOUSING Communities from Sydney to Yarmouth will be receiving stimulus funding to provide affordable housing and create construction jobs.

A federal-provincial housing partnership worth \$128 million has been announced for the creation, renovation and upgrading of social housing units. A little over half of this is new money, with the rest coming from previous announcements.

About \$20 million will be spent on more than 2,000 units in Cape Breton; northern Nova Scotia will receive about \$10 million for 1,300 units; central Nova Scotia will get roughly \$50 million for about 3,700 units; and approximately \$16 million will be invested in more than 1,600 units in the western region.

"This investment in affordable housing is a major part of Nova Scotia's Building for Growth provincial infrastructure plan, which will inject close to \$2 billion into our economy over the next three years," Premier Rodney MacDonald said in a release.

"The housing stimulus funding is also a major component of the province's poverty-reduction strategy."

In total, 400 new housing units will be created and renovations and energy upgrades will be done to more than 1,100 public housing buildings, co-ops and non-profits. The program includes about 8,600 individual social housing units.

The remaining \$32 million of the \$128 million will go towards continued funding for existing provincial repair programs and affordable housing, made possible through partnerships with private developers and non-profits.

METRO HALIFAX

Tories to fight another day

Opposition parties allow Conservative budget to be introduced today

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After an unexpected turn of events Friday, a new Nova Scotia budget will be released today.

As late as Friday morning it looked like Premier Rodney MacDonald's government would be defeated before its budget could see the light of day. The Conservative budget was thought to need a law change before it could be introduced.

But a loophole granted the Tories a stay of execution Friday when the legislature voted unanimously to let the budget be presented today.

However, the budget still must be tabled away and can only be voted on if the law change is accepted first.

The Tories are looking to make a rule change allowing them to spend \$100 million in offshore money that currently has to go on the debt, which would keep them from running a deficit.

That amendment needs to pass for the budget to be valid. If both opposition



Premier Rodney MacDonald, pictured in this photo from Thursday's opening of the Nova Scotia legislature, will see his Conservative government introduce its spring budget today.

parties vote against the confidence measure, which both say they'll do, an election would be triggered.

Under the Provincial Finance Act, a government is not allowed to introduce a deficit budget in Nova Scotia.

"It's not surplus money. It's re-acquiring a debt."

NDP Leader
Darrell Dexter

However, in 2005 the province got a lump sum from the federal government for several years' worth of offshore offset money. That money went on the debt, but the Conservatives want to take some of it back and put it into general revenue.

"Those dollars are required to ensure that we can fund the services and programs Nova Scotians need," said MacDonald.

MacDonald said if they didn't spend the offshore money, they would have to raise taxes or make major budget cuts.

But opposition parties have so far stuck to their guns, saying the Tories led the province into debt and are trying to cook the books to disguise it.

"It's not surplus money. It's re-acquiring a debt that was paid down in 2005," said NDP Leader Darrell Dexter.

Trial to go ahead on 36 counts of sexual assault

COURT A provincial court judge has committed a former Strait-area businessman to trial on 36 sexual assault-related charges involving six male complainants.

Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh, 64, had been facing a total of 43 counts dating back to the 1970s, related to eight complainants. Judge John Embree ruled there was not sufficient evidence to commit MacIntosh to trial on seven of the counts, but that the rest would stand.

Embree's decision came following a preliminary hearing that wrapped up in January.

Evidence presented at a preliminary inquiry is banned from publication until the criminal charges are resolved. The identities of the complainants are also banned from publication.

Last spring, MacIntosh elected trial by Supreme Court judge alone. He will next appear in Supreme Court in Port Hawkesbury June 5, where a trial date may be set, or when a date to set a trial will be determined, Crown attorney Richard MacKinnon said.

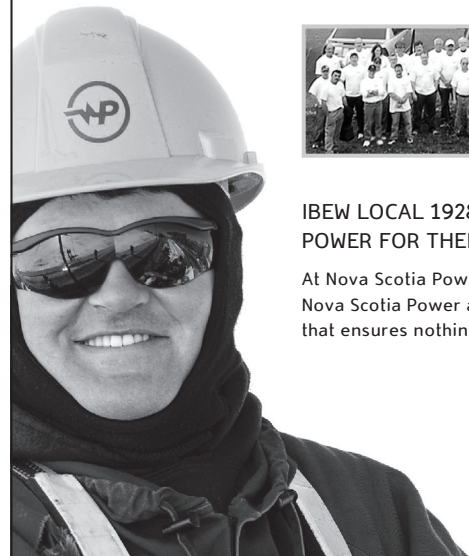
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Canadians are ranking the Liberals ahead of the Conservatives in popularity but favour the Tories' Stephen Harper over Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff as the best prime minister, a new poll shows. The survey of 1,001 adult Canadians by Nanos Research was taken last week. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Canada



Harper denies Bloc alliance rumours

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has dismissed reports that he was contemplating a deal with the separatist Bloc Québécois to keep his minority Conservative government in power. Speculation is mounting that the opposition Liberals, who are riding high in the polls, could try to bring Harper down later this year. Some newspapers and commentators are now raising the prospect of a Harper deal with the Bloc.

REUTERS

Grits want EI standard established

POLITICS Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said yesterday his party was ready to force changes in unemployment aid to deal with the growing recession.

Ignatieff said with unemployment rising across the country, Canada needed to enact a national standard for when the newly jobless workers qualify to receive Employment Insurance.

The Liberals will propose temporary changes to the current system, which varies qualification stan-

"If the government will work with me, then we'll get it done. If they won't, then we'll have to have an election."

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff

dards based on which province or community a workers lives in, Ignatieff said.

Ignatieff denied he planned to use the issue to "jam" the minority Conservatives.

The Liberal leader added: "If the government will

work with me, then we'll get it done. If they won't, then we'll have to have an election."

A spokesman for Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he could not comment on the plan since he had not seen the specifics.

REUTERS

Change near: Iggy

Liberal convention confirms leadership

Newly minted Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said Saturday that Canadians wanted change but he did not signal when he might try to force the minority Conservative government into an election.

Ignatieff, who had led Canada's main opposition party on an interim basis since late last year, was elected as permanent leader at a convention in Vancouver that organizers said showed it had rebounded from last year's stinging election defeat.

The former Harvard academic who returned to Canada in 2005 after nearly three decades abroad accused Harper of practicing the politics of division in a



Newly elected Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff talks to the press following the Federal Liberal Party Biennial Convention in Vancouver yesterday.

bid to remain in power. "You can feel a longing for change sweeping across the land," Ignatieff said in his acceptance

speech, which was preceded by a video that showed several images of him talking with U.S. President Barack Obama.

REUTERS

Toll Free Info Line for H1N1 (Human Swine Influenza)

The government of Nova Scotia has established a toll-free information line for questions regarding the H1N1 (Human Swine Influenza) in the province. The line will be answered by health professionals between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., daily.

The toll free line is 1-888-451-4222.

Nova Scotia has a strong public health system, with highly skilled and caring professionals who are capable of managing any public health issue that may arise. In coordination with international and national public health authorities, they continue to monitor H1N1 (Human Swine Influenza) throughout the province, using established public health practices and the province's network of health professionals.

So far, confirmed cases of H1N1 (Human Swine Influenza) in Nova Scotia have been mild, with no need for hospitalization. Any additional cases will be thoroughly investigated.

Remember, the best way to prevent illness is through prevention. Wash your hands thoroughly and often, cough into your sleeves and stay away from public places if you are sick.

Please visit <http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp> for more information on the H1N1 (Human Swine Influenza) in Nova Scotia.

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Traveller carried flu to Canada: Officials

HEALTH A traveller carried the new H1N1 virus from Mexico to Canada, infecting his family and a herd of swine, Canadian health officials said Saturday.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency stressed the incident posed no threat to the food supply.

It said the herd in Alberta apparently caught the virus from a carpenter who traveled recently to Mexico, the epicentre of a swine flu outbreak that has spread to 18 countries and may have killed more than 100 people, all but one in Mexico.

"A Canadian carpenter who had been in Mexico, upon return, was exhibiting flu-like symptoms, did work on the Alberta farm, and subsequently the family and swine on the farm became ill," the U.S. Department of Agriculture said in a statement.

It was the first time the Canadian Food Inspection Agency had reported a case of the virus being transmitted from a human to a pig in Canada, although this has been known to happen elsewhere.

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A royal gift

The RCMP will be presenting Queen Elizabeth II with a police service horse at the Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo May 16. The eight-year-old gelding, who was named after the Queen's grandfather, will become the fourth horse from the RCMP to be given residency at the Royal Mews. **METRO CANADA**

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Dancers from the Ottawa Chinese-Canadian Heritage Centre Troupe perform yesterday at the International Pavilion in its new location at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa.

Tulip festival a big success

Early indications show this year could be biggest ever

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Favourable weather conditions contributed to what Canadian Tulip Festival organizers called "a wildly successful" first weekend for the festival.

Tens of thousands of people flocked to four locations for the Canadian Tulip Festival over the weekend, taking in the sights, enjoying shows and food, and of course, checking out the tulips.

If this first weekend is any indication, this year will see the biggest and best Canadian Tulip Festival ever, said Connor

McGuire, spokesman for the Canadian Tulip Festival yesterday.

"This tulip festival will be wildly successful above all other years."

This year, the International Pavilion was moved to Lansdowne Park in Ottawa and the Mirror

Tent to Festival Plaza at city hall to allow more space for attractions, including the popular circus school, at Major's Hill Park.

While the Nanjing Acrobatic Troupe sold out or nearly sold out for every performance at city hall, the International Pavilion had over 5,000 attendees in the first two days, said McGuire.

For Ottawa resident Brenna Cook, the pavilion is the highlight of the festival.

"I enjoy it because it's fun to see the different cultures and the breadth of people in Canada," said the Wilfrid Laurier University student.

Over at Dow's Lake, thousands of people came out to check out the tulips.

"The tulips aren't 100 per cent right now, but they're starting to look really beautiful," said McGuire.

"This tulip festival will be wildly successful above all other years."

Connor McGuire

Woman faces questions about veil in court

ONTARIO A Muslim woman must show a court why she should be allowed to testify while wearing a veil, a Superior Court judge has ruled in a closely watched case about the clash between religious freedoms and the right to a fair trial. Justice Frank Marrocco found an Ontario judge

had the right to order the complainant to remove her niqab, but failed to conduct a thorough exploration of the woman's reasons for wanting to keep her face covered.

Last fall, Ontario Court Justice Norris Weisman ordered the 32-year-old woman to testify with her

face bared after finding her "religious belief is not that strong ... and that it is, as she says, a matter of comfort."

The two defendants in the case had brought forward an application requesting an order requiring her to testify without the veil. The accused men

are charged with indecent assault, gross indecency and sexual assault relating to offences alleged to have occurred more than 20 years ago. The woman asked the Superior Court to overturn the ruling that led to a hearing before Marrocco in March.

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The H1N1 flu virus (human swine flu) is a respiratory illness that causes symptoms similar to those of the seasonal flu (fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, body aches, fatigue and lack of appetite).

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Militia leader arrested in Iraq
Iraqi forces backed by U.S. troops have arrested a U.S.-allied Sunni Arab militia leader, Iraqi and U.S. officials said yesterday. Nadhim al-Jubouri, leader of a government-backed local militia and a religious leader in the town of Dhuluiya, and his two brothers were seized. **REUTERS**

World



Italian PM's wife seeking split

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's wife wants a divorce, Italian media reported yesterday, just days after she publicly criticized his party's selection of pretty young women to run in European elections. "I have been forced to take this step, I don't want to add anything else," La Stampa newspaper quoted Berlusconi's wife Veronica, 52, as saying. **REUTERS**

Mexico recuperating

Worst of flu has passed, but epidemic not over yet

Mexico's flu epidemic has passed its peak, the Mexican government said yesterday, and experts said the new H1N1 virus still could impact world health, but may be no more severe than normal flu.

Mexican Health Minister Jose Angel Cordova warned, however, it was too early for Mexico — the epicentre of an outbreak that has spread to 19 coun-

tries — to drop its guard.

Cordova said the outbreak of H1N1 flu appeared to have peaked in Mexico between April 23 and 28 and fewer people had admitted themselves to hospitals with serious flu symptoms in the past few days.

As testing improves, authorities have scaled back estimates of how many people have died from the

Isolated in China

• Mexican Foreign Minister Patricia Espinosa accused China of discrimination after Beijing ordered 70 Mexican citizens into isolation, regardless of whether or not they showed symptoms of the H1N1 virus.

flu strain to over 100, down from 176. **REUTERS**

Iran slams U.S. amid talks on anti-nuclear treaty

UNITED NATIONS Iran has attacked the United States ahead of a major meeting on the troubled global anti-nuclear arms treaty, slamming U.S. co-operation with Israel and India.

Documents prepared by Iran show Tehran is redou-

bling efforts to draw attention away from its own nuclear program by turning the spotlight on the U.S. for what it says are breaches of the 1970 Non-Proliferation Treaty, Western diplomats say.

The signatories of the

1970 NPT, which is aimed at halting the spread of nuclear arms and demand nations move to get rid of them, gather today to prepare for a summit in 2010 that many countries hope will result in an overhaul of the treaty. **REUTERS**

India The whole world smiles with you



Members of laughter clubs attend a laughter session during World Laughter Day celebrations in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh yesterday. Hundreds of people, who believe that laughter is the best medicine for a healthy life, took part in the laughter celebrations.

News in brief

FRANCE All eight major trade unions will meet today to try to overcome divisions and plan a united response to President Nicolas Sarkozy's handling of the economic crisis.

AFGHANISTAN Italian troops fired on a passenger car in Herat yesterday, killing a 12-year-old Afghan girl and wounding three members of her family, the family said. A spokesman

for the Italian contingent in Afghanistan said the girl was in a car that was driving at high speed and had ignored a convoy driving behind them and several warning shots. **REUTERS**

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Emera Inc. Adjusts Annual General Meeting

Given the "essential services" nature of most of our businesses, Emera takes seriously the heightened concerns of the potential influenza Pandemic. In light of these concerns Emera Inc. will be enhancing the webcasting and teleconference options for its Annual General Meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2:00 p.m. at the Cunard Centre in Halifax. Emera will webcast the meeting with full streaming video and provide teleconference capability. With this enhanced technology, shareholders will be able to participate in discussions and question and answer sessions via telephone or e-mail.

The company is encouraging shareholders to take advantage of the webcast and teleconference offerings, although they can attend in person, if they wish.

Shareholders are reminded they have the opportunity to vote on the business of the meeting by telephone or internet, as provided for by the proxy, by Tuesday at midnight, May 5, 2009.

Further information is available at www.emera.com

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In the past two weeks I've received a couple of email messages from a reader who is deeply concerned that this column tends to be full of foolishness and frivolity punctuated with rantings about my problems with squirrels. He can't see any possible excuse for this.

I could answer ... um ... well you see, it's a humour column ... but instead, I've decided to embrace the wisdom of this concern and tackle something serious. So, today we will discuss life, karma, reincarnation, the weather in Cal-

gary and how, unfortunately, as with everything, it all comes back to squirrels.

It is a generally-held belief that human beings are the highest, wisest, most intelligent form of life. We think this in spite of men's Speedos, strip malls, credit card debt and our continual willingness to date the wrong people if they have a really good cable TV package.

But sometimes being a human being is not all that great. For instance, we want things. Generally what we want is pretty reasonable: Park-

ing downtown for less than \$12 per minute; chocolate not to be fattening; or,

for those living in Calgary, for it not to be -200 C and snowing in May. We want Coach to be voted off Survivor because the man is annoying beyond belief and it's just time.

OK, maybe not all of us want that. But the fact is, often we don't get what we want.

I think, in fact, that if you live life well as a human, there can be no greater reward than getting to come back as what is really the highest form of life: a squirrel. Specifically the black squirrel that reigns over my backyard.

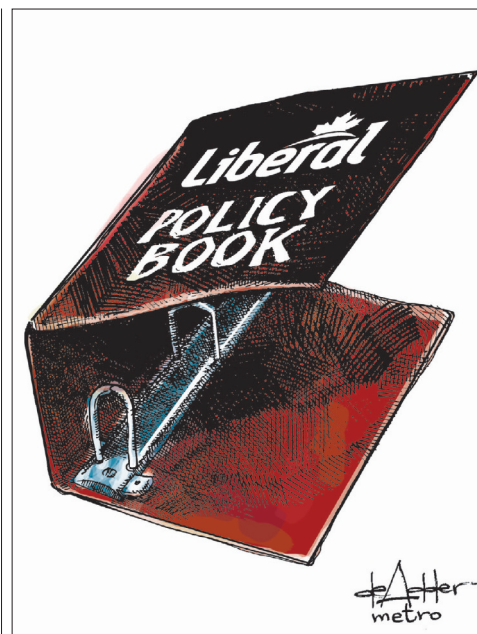
As I sit inside



working, the black squirrel is stretched out on the fence, warming his naked tummy in the afternoon sunshine. Later, I will rush about getting groceries and paying bills and the black squirrel will happily pilfer my flower bulbs, then spend the evening romping and frolicking in the treetops. I can't recall the last time I romped or frolicked, let alone warmed my naked anything. I will, however, pay a large bill today to have said treetops trimmed.

So, being a squirrel. Good. Being human, not so good. Unless, of course, we accept that we simply don't always get what we want. Which is what I hope for. Particularly for the reader who wanted me to be serious.

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Views

Use your voice; silence isn't always golden

UrbanScrawl

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The Workers Compensation Board of Nova Scotia has recently launched a new campaign silencedoesnt-workhere.ca, which got me thinking about how this important message applies to so many facets of life.

In the campaign, a mime represents the worker, injured because he or she didn't say something. I wonder how many of the 29 people who died at work in Nova Scotia last year remained silent. How many of those lives would have been saved if those individuals, or someone around them, said something.

We'll never know, as they will now remain silent forever, lost to their families.

How often do we find ourselves in a similar situation where we are silent? How often can the outcome be influenced by our involvement?

Everyday, we as Haligonians, have an opportunity to express our opinions (both positive and negative) on things that impact our lives and us.

For instance, the final public hearing for HRMby-Design will be made at Halifax Regional Council tomorrow. Whether you agree (or disagree) with this plan, it will impact the growth and future of Halifax.

Have you thought about where you stand on this issue? Have you let someone know what you think? There are countless groups collecting information

"Every time we're silent, we let someone else make a decision for us."

about this from petitions to postcards to Facebook groups, all providing you with easy ways to let your voice be heard, and easy ways for you to overcome the silence.

Every time we're silent, we let someone else make a decision for us. This past fall, people of HRM had a chance to have their voices heard in a municipal election. The result: About one in three people cast a ballot.

That means for every person that expressed their opinion, about two were silent. Those two people let other people make a decision about the future of their city for them. With a

provincial election possibly upon us soon, will we act differently?

Think about all the hard-working men and women that protect us — from the police force to medical teams and firefighters to military personnel — that, each and every day, are willing to die in their line of work to ensure we are safe and free. Willing to defend our ability to vote, and ensure that we continue to have our voices heard. Have they done this all in vain?

Next time you are silent, think about these people that have given up their lives to defend us, and those that have died because of the silence. In this context, do you think being silent is the best approach?

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Worth mentioning

Fraud fears as Afghan men get women's vote cards

ELECTION Afghan men are illegally collecting voter cards in the names of women, raising worries about fraud in the upcoming presidential election, the head of Afghanistan's human rights commission said yesterday.

In Logar province, which borders Kabul, nearly three-quarters of those who registered as voters were women, a suspiciously high ratio, said Sima Samar, chairwoman of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission.

"The men are just bringing the names of a woman and getting registration

cards on their behalf and that is why I can say there is a possibility of fraud," Samar told a news conference in the Afghan capital.

The Aug. 20 presidential election, in which incumbent Hamid Karzai looks

set to be the strongest candidate, is seen as a litmus test of the success of nearly a decade of international intervention in Afghanistan.

Suspiciously high levels of female registration, in areas where women are often reluctant to travel, has also been noted in Paktika, Paktia and Khost provinces, as well as across parts of the south, Samar said.

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Going Green

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Women are chief 'CEOs'

Canadian women are leading the way. A recent TD Friends of the Environment Foundation CEO poll reveals that 52 per cent of women are the chief environment officer or "CEO" of their household, compared to 36 per cent of men. Interestingly, the survey found children are the No. 1 influence on environmental behaviour.

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Science remains relevant

Faith in technology to save our environment is mislaid

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen



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A recent article in the U.K.'s Sunday Times expressed the views of Vinod Khosla, a major investor in green technology and an adviser to U.S. President Barack Obama and former British prime minister Tony Blair, who said, "We don't need to use less energy. We need to find new solutions."

This optimism is shared by many Canadians and Americans, a steadfast belief in the technology bailout. It is a convenient belief. No need to commit to a new lifestyle, just wait for technology to fix it. But make no mistake, it is a dangerous belief.

The irony is that in societies most committed to this belief, there is

waning commitment to science. Consider the gutting of basic research by the Bush administration and the frequent expressions of mistrust of science when Bush explained his stance on climate change. Even with a new administration, the systematic unravelling of the science infrastructure in the U.S. over eight years will kneecap the innovative advantage that U.S. scientists have enjoyed for decades.

Actually, why look so far afield as the U.S.? Consider the Harper government's stance on funding for ap-

plied versus fundamental science, a dismal understanding of science and the essential role of basic research in generating innovative ideas. Of course, this is a government that thinks so little of science that it appointed as science minister a man who does not

understand or openly accept the central tenet of biology.

History is replete with examples of societies that embraced, then abandoned math and natural science. In the Ottoman Empire, scientists made tremendous contributions from the late 13th through the 17th century, particularly in physics, math, and astronomy.

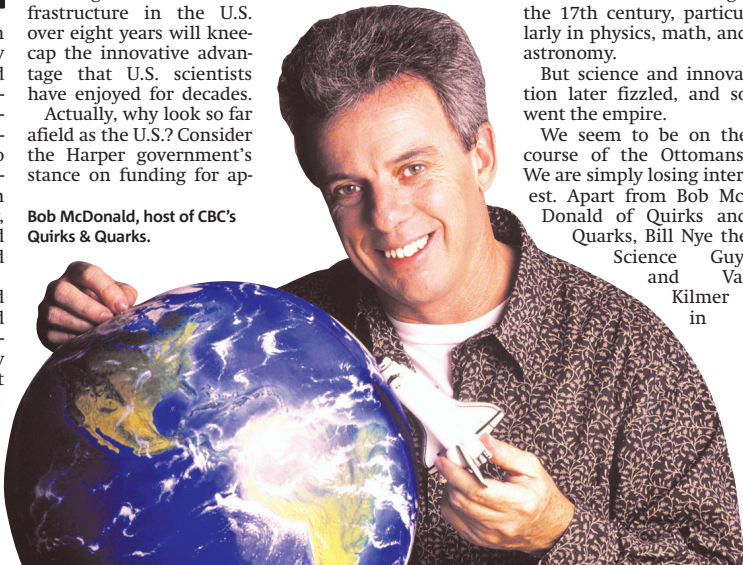
But science and innovation later fizzled, and so went the empire.

We seem to be on the course of the Ottomans. We are simply losing interest. Apart from Bob McDonald of Quirks and Quarks, Bill Nye the Science Guy, and Val Kilmer in

Weird Science, we're not much interested in scientists. Frankly, we find them a little creepy. And scientists are not always good at explaining the relevance of their research, particularly when pressed on the "application."

What are our points? First, faith in technology to save our environment is mislaid. We're looking for the 11th-hour technological fix when we should focus on changing behaviour. Second, to the extent that technology could help, our withdrawal of interest and support from science makes this less likely. Like societies before, we are forfeiting leadership in innovation, an impediment to any creative solutions. Third, there should have been a Weird Science sequel. Finally, we need to better engage, scientists and society at large. It must be recognized that science is still relevant. Scientists have to be better at conveying that message.

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Bob McDonald, host of CBC's Quirks & Quarks.

Inexpensive ways to save energy during the summer

There are a number of simple measures homeowners can take around the house to consume less energy during the summer months.

Smart dishwashing — use your dishwasher overnight instead of dur-

ing peak hours (peak hours are approximately 6 to 9 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.) This takes stress off the grid at peak times and cuts down on costs.

Turn off the lights — lights generate heat, so turn your lights off when

not needed. Your air conditioning unit will thank you for it as it will have less hot air to contend with.

Close doors and windows — don't let the warm air in and the cold air out. Additionally, keeping your drapes and blinds closed

on sunny days can save on electricity costs.

Run exhaust fans — use exhaust fans to reduce heat in the kitchen when cooking and in the bathroom when showering. Ensure exhaust fans are turned off as soon as

you're finished using them.

Shade the windows — awnings, trees and shrubs can also help to reduce air conditioning costs. Shade trees are best planted on the south and west sides of a house.

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The change came with U.S. President Barack Obama, who took office determined to limit climate-warming pollution at home and participate actively in international negotiations in Copenhagen to craft a follow-up agreement to the carbon-capping Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012.

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Petro-Canada mounted search for buyer in early '08: Statement

Petro-Canada worked behind the scenes to find a buyer through all of 2008 while major investors launched campaigns urging action to boost a chronically weak stock price, according to the circular for its takeover by Suncor Energy Inc. **REUTERS**

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Business



Financial sector to shrink: Obama

The financial sector will make up a smaller part of the U.S. economy in the future as new regulations clamp down on "massive risk-taking," U.S. President Barack Obama said in an interview Saturday. "What I think will change, what I think was an aberration, was a situation where corporate profits in the financial sector were such a heavy part of our overall profitability," he told the New York Times Magazine. **REUTERS**

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Air Canada offers fare deal

Move meant to ensure lowest price for same flight, class

Air Canada is rolling out a "Lowest Fare Guarantee" that it says will make the airline the "first and last stop" for anyone seeking the best possible airfare — on Air Canada.

In a move that could only make sense in the Byzantine world of airline pricing, the carrier said Friday that it will guarantee that customers purchasing an Air Canada ticket won't find a cheaper price for the same flight and fare class within 24 hours of booking.

"We want to be sure customers know that we can be their first and last stop for the most economical fare."

Peter Fitzpatrick, airline spokesperson

The guarantee applies to domestic and U.S. fares sold on the company's Canadian website, through a travel agent or a third-party website such as Expedia.ca.

If a cheaper fare is found, customers are entitled to the difference and a \$50 credit toward their

next Air Canada flight.

"With the state of the economy and a very competitive market, we want to be sure our customers know that we can be their first and last stop for the most economical fare," said airline spokesperson Peter Fitzpatrick.

Air Canada's lowest fare

guarantee is not to be confused with low price guarantees offered by some big box retailers that actually match their competitors' prices. Nor is Air Canada promising to notify passengers holding tickets if the advertised fare price drops.

Air Canada's move follows a similar pledge from rival Westjet Airlines Ltd., which recently promised not to overbook flights and to "accommodate" passengers if their flights are delayed. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Market may push higher

STOCKS "Sell in May and go away" is an old adage that may not apply this year as the Toronto Stock Exchange looks to build on the seven-week rally that emerged from the wreckage of last year's vicious downturn.

Even as fears build that a new flu strain will escalate into a global pandemic — a potential stumbling block for investor confidence — there are clear signs that the market could hold its recent gains and even push higher this summer.

In recent weeks the global banking system appears to have been stabilizing, while so-called "green shoots" of positive, or at least less negative, economic data have sprouted. The latest corporate results, albeit well down

from last year, are managing to top deeply pessimistic forecasts.

"People are, in general, starting to look through the bottom here. They're starting to see things are not getting worse," said Lex Kerkovius, senior research analyst at McLean & Partners Wealth Management Ltd., in Calgary. "The optimism is definitely shifting in the market."

"The optimism is definitely shifting in the market."

— Lex Kerkovius, analyst

Conventional wisdom suggests that stocks post their strongest performance from November to April. Could the market actually lose more ground during the summer?

Most indications suggest otherwise. Over the past two months the TSX has headed higher, largely on the back of robust financial and energy sectors. **REUTERS**

Asian nations organize emergency fund for crisis

ECONOMY Thirteen East and Southeast Asian countries agreed yesterday to set up a \$120-billion US emergency fund for use in an economic downturn, the first independent move by Asia to shield itself from financial crisis.

Japan, the region's biggest economy, also announced a plan to supply up to six trillion yen to support its neighbours.

"It's definitely a step in the right direction for Asia to wean itself from dependence on the West. However, implementation is unlikely to have a sustainable impact on Asian economies in the absence of a robust U.S. consumer," said Kirby Daley, senior strategist at Newedge Group. **REUTERS**

Nebraska Buffett commands attention



Billionaire financier and Berkshire Hathaway Inc. chief executive Warren Buffett attends the Berkshire Hathaway Annual Shareholders meeting in Omaha, Neb., on Saturday. Buffett criticized the U.S. government's stress tests of 19 large U.S. banks for failing to account for strengths in lenders' business models, saying he would buy more shares of three big banks in the Berkshire portfolio.

Auto sales, leases plummet

INDUSTRY Most of Canada's auto dealers remained in the doldrums last month as sales slid almost 18 per cent in the industry's worst April in a decade.

Despite heavy incentives, sales and leases of new vehicles plunged 17.8 per cent, or more than 32,000 vehicles, to 143,931 in April from the same period last year, manufacturers reported Friday.

Industry watcher Dennis DesRoisers described the

results as terrible and added that sales in Canada likely won't improve this year because of the deep recession.

"Don't expect this to get any better," he said in a note to clients.

Auto sales in Canada have fallen by double-digit percentages for six consecutive months. In the first four months of the year, auto volumes fell 20.5 per cent from the same 2008 period. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Forecast

- DesRoisers Automotive Consultants forecasts sales for the year to drop by about 300,000 units to 1.35 million vehicles.

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DEVELOP AT ALL COSTS?

Carl Crawford had a major league-record six stolen bases, as the Tampa Bay Rays edged the Boston Red Sox, 5-3, yesterday. Crawford's six steals tie a modern-day record. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Canadian champ wins Derby

Mine That Bird, a 50-1 longshot ridden by Calvin Borel, drew away from the field in a dramatic stretch run to win the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs Saturday. The bay gelding, who won last year's Sovereign Award as the top two-year-old in the Canada, left the field in his wake to record his first victory of the year in America's most prestigious race.

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Ducks down Wings in triple OT

Stanley Cup 2009 Playoffs

Todd Marchant scored 75 seconds into the third overtime period as the Anaheim Ducks clipped the Detroit Red Wings, 4-3, in Game 2 of this Western Conference semifinal series in Detroit.

Marchant carried the puck across the blue-line, came down the left wing and fired a quick wrister labeled for the top right corner of the net and over the glove of Chris Osgood.

Ryan Getzlaf registered a goal and two assists for the eighth-seeded Ducks, who return home for Game 3 tomorrow with this best-of-seven set tied at a game apiece. Chris Pronger and Ryan Carter also lit the lamp, while Corey Perry picked up two helpers.

Detroit was relentless on the offensive attack and hounded Jonas Hiller, but he was magnificent between the pipes, especially beyond regulation. Hiller turned aside all 29 shots after the third period and finished the contest with 59 saves.

Brad Stuart, Mikael Samuelsson and Johan Franzen each had a goal for the second-seeded Red Wings, who had not lost in the post-season since Game 5 of last year's Stanley Cup finals.

Osgood stopped 42 of 46 shots in the loss.



Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood watches the puck head into the net for the game-winning goal scored by Anaheim Duck Todd Marchant yesterday. The win evened the second-round series at 1-1.

Hurricanes 3, Bruins 0

Cam Ward made 36 stops for his fourth career playoff shutout to help the Carolina Hurricanes take a 3-0 win over the Boston Bruins in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinals in Boston yesterday.

Eric Staal had a goal and an assist while Joe Corvo and Matt Cullen each lit the

lamp for the Hurricanes, who evened this best-of-seven series at a game apiece.

"We held on, even though we sat back a little in the third," said Ward. "But we worked hard tonight and some of the bounces went our way and we scratched out a win."

Tim Thomas gave up two

goals on 24 shots for the Bruins, who lost for the first time in the playoffs after having swept the Canadiens in the opening series and winning Game 1 on Friday.

The series heads back to Raleigh for the next two games with Game 3 scheduled for Wednesday.

Boston poured it on in the third period in an at-

tempt to get back into the contest.

The Bruins had a great opportunity when Tim Gleason was called for delay of game after clearing the puck over the glass with 7:45 to play. Ward, though, was outstanding during one sequence of events as he made several nice saves.

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Hawks past first round for first time in a decade

NBA 2009 Playoffs

Joe Johnson drained six of his eight attempts from three-point range, and the Atlanta Hawks finished off a series filled with blowout wins with a 91-78 drubbing of the Miami Heat in the deciding Game 7 of their Eastern Conference first-round matchup.

Johnson finished with 27 points and five steals overall for the Hawks, who won a playoff series for the first time since 1999 and won a best-of-seven playoff series for the first time since 1970. Atlanta will move on to face the top-seeded Cleveland Cavaliers, who had no trouble sweeping the eighth-seeded Pistons.

"When I made my first shot, it was a little bit of a relief," Johnson said. "And I just relaxed and took what the defence gave me. I think it's going to bring more fans out to the next round knowing that we're playing the best team in the NBA right now. We're going to need their support, but we know we still have a lot of work to do."

Atlanta led by as many as 29 in this game before coasting to the finish in the fourth quarter.

The Hawks had lost their previous six Game 7s dating back to 1961, when the franchise was located in St. Louis. This was the first Game 7 at home since the team moved to Atlanta, and the hosts made sure the fans enjoyed the experience.

Josh Smith contributed 21 points and nine rebounds, and the Hawks ensured that none of the seven games in this series would be decided by a single-digit margin.

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Canada stays unbeaten at IIHF tourney

IIHF Drew Doughty registered a goal and two assists as Canada took down Norway, 5-1, at the 2009 IIHF World Hockey Championship.

Steven Stakes, Dan Hamhuis, Jason Spezza and Matthew Lombardi also picked up a goal apiece for the Canadians, who remain unbeaten through four games in the qualification round and sit atop the Group F standings with 12 points. Team Canada plays Finland today.

Chris Mason stopped 29 shots for the win.

Mats Zuccarello Aasen provided the only tally for Norway, which has been

eliminated from contention for the quarter-finals. Andre Lysenstoen was lifted after he was victimized four times on 20 shots. Pal Grottnes made 26 saves the rest of the way.

At Bern, Linus Omark posted a goal and an assist as Sweden topped Switzerland, 4-1, in Group E play.

Johnny Oduya, Johan Harju and Johan Andersson also lit the lamp for the Swedes, who are one of three teams with seven points. Jonas Gustavsson made 24 saves in the win.

Romano Lemm tallied for the host Swiss, who are fifth in the standings, three points behind the United

States, Latvia and Sweden. Martin Gerber gave up four goals on 29 shots in the loss.

Only the top four teams from each of the two qualification groups qualify for the single-elimination quarter-finals.

Later in Bern, Russia rolled to a 6-1 win over Latvia. Oleg Tverdokovsky and Anton Kuryanov both found the net on two occasions for the Russians, with the former adding an assist.

In Group F, Jakub Stepanek stopped all 18 shots he faced as the Czech Republic wrapped up the qualification round with a 3-0 victory over Belarus.

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Canada piles the pressure on the Norway goal during an IIHF World Championship match yesterday.

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Orlando at Boston, 8 p.m.

Houston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Mustangs win opener

The Metro Mustangs defeated the Valley-Windsor War Dogs 19-0 Friday as the Nova Scotia Varsity Football League season got underway. The Dartmouth Knights beat the Halifax Hornets 13-7. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Huskie goes in first round

'Bit of a surprise' for Brown as Ticats take him at No. 6

MATTHEW WUEST

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Darcy Brown figured he would be drafted. But in the first round, sixth overall? That was a pleasant surprise.

The Saint Mary's Huskies receiver wasn't exactly complaining when the Hamilton Tiger-Cats called his name in the Canadian Football League draft on Saturday.

The Ticats had already taken Alberta offensive lineman Simeon Rottier first overall and traded their third overall pick to the B.C. Lions to move down to sixth. They turned heads picking Brown, who wasn't ranked in the top 15.

"It was a bit of a surprise for me," Brown said.

"I knew Hamilton liked what they saw of me at the (evaluation) camp in March and once I saw them make that trade, I was really hoping I would go sixth, but I didn't know anything for sure."

The six-foot-three 251-pounder isn't exactly coming off the kind of eye-popping season that usually precedes a first-round selection.

He was part of a neglected receiving corps at Saint Mary's and only had eight catches for 75 yards and a touchdown. But he blew the socks off CFL scouts in March with his strength and speed and teams saw plenty of untapped potential.

Brown said he received a call from Tiger-Cats head coach Marcel Bellefeuille after the first round ended.

"They want to use me as a receiving fullback, like I expected, maybe even a little bit of slotback," said Brown, who has never played fullback in his life. "They have a bunch of different ideas about how they want to use me."

Brown is originally from



Saint Mary's Huskies receiver Darcy Brown was selected sixth overall in the Canadian Football League draft on Saturday by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Where they went

A quick glance at some of the picks from the CFL draft

FIRST ROUND

1. Hamilton, OT Simeon Rottier (Alberta)
2. Toronto, DT Etienne Legare (Laval)
3. B.C., RB Jamall Lee (Bishop's)
4. B.C., LB James Yurichuk

(Bishop's)

5. B.C., SB Matt Carter (Acadia)
6. Hamilton, WR Darcy Brown (Saint Mary's)
7. Calgary, OL Dylan Steenbergen (Montreal)

OTHER NOTABLES

- (listed by round-pick)
- 3-20. Edmonton, LB Andrea Bonaventura (Calgary)
 - 4-30. Calgary, OL Steve Myddelton (St. F.X.)
 - 5-34. Toronto, OL Gordon Sawler (St. F.X.)

Mississauga, Ont., which is just up the highway from the Ticats' Ivor Wynne Stadium. For obvious reasons, his family is thrilled.

"They've had to make a special trip to come see me in Halifax so it's good that they'll be so close and I'll have an opportunity to play in front of them," Brown

said.

He reports to the Ticats' camp later this month and will return to Saint Mary's in the fall if he doesn't crack the roster.

Brown was the only member of the Huskies to be drafted. Former Huskies linebacker Andrea Bonaventura — who followed

Blake Nill to the Calgary Dinosaurs in 2007 — went in the third round, 40th overall to the Edmonton Eskimos.

Acadia receiver Matt Carter (fifth overall, Toronto) and St. F.X. offensive linemen Steve Myddelton (30th, Calgary) and Gordon Sawler (34th, Toronto) were also drafted.

Halifax Pelham Canadians add slugger

BASEBALL The Halifax Pelham Canadians bolstered their lineup for a run at a national championship on the weekend.

The Canadians, still a few weeks away from the start of the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League season, announced the acquisition of power-hitting outfielder Brandon Hunter, a standout from the Western Major Baseball League.

"We're real fortunate —

his fiancée lives in Halifax and works with a member of our team," said Canadians coach Cecil Wright. "That's how we found out about him."

The Canadians surprised everyone by qualifying last year for nationals, which Dartmouth Moosehead Dry is hosting at Beazley Field and Mainland Common in August. They rebounded from a 3-0 deficit in the semifinals against the Truro

Bearcats and then dumped Dartmouth in the provincial final.

Hunter adds a talented right-handed batter to their lineup.

"He's a tremendous hitter — he'll probably be one of the best hitters in the league," said Wright. "He also runs very well and he's a very good base stealer. He's going to bring the total package and we're really excited about him."

Hunter won back-to-back titles in the WMBL with Alberta's Okotoks Dawgs and batted .297 with four home runs and 39 RBI in 2008. Hunter, who is from Prince George, B.C., will play for his hometown team at the World Baseball Challenge in July. Moosehead Dry standouts Darren Doucette and Jason Bailey will be members of the same team.

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Barred from Mexico

With the federal government recommending Canadians postpone non-essential travel to Mexico in light of the outbreak of H1N1 influenza, previously swine flu, Canadian post-secondary institutions are beginning to prohibit any academic-related travel to the country as well. The University of Waterloo and the University of Calgary have issued such advisories.

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Canada-wide search and rescue

OddJobs

Diane Peters



Metronews.ca/oddjobs

On Sergeant Sean Calis' first official day on the job as a fully qualified search and rescue technician (SAR Tech), he and his partner got called to a plane crash in northern Quebec.

The two flew up to the snow-covered area, parachuted in, and saved three people.

"What a great career move I've made," Calis thought to himself that day. "I can really make a differ-

ence." Calis, 39, grew up in London, Ont., and joined the army reserves at 16. Two years later, the army offered him a full-time job, so he dropped out of high school.

As a soldier, Calis did tours in Rwanda and Bosnia. He later finished up his high school diploma in night school, and picked up training and experience in everything from

scuba diving to mountain climbing to parachuting. (He served as a paratrooper in the Canadian Airborne Regiment until it was disbanded in 1995.)

But he was away a lot, and that was tough on his wife and two young children. He was looking for a new career when he heard about SAR Techs from a friend.

In 1996, Calis started the year-long application process that involved submitting a resumé, going through interviews and taking both written and fitness tests. He didn't get one of the coveted 12 training spots that year.

But two years later, he made the cut and went through an intense year of paramedic and rescue training. He was first stationed in Trenton, Ont., then Co-mox, B.C., and is now back in Trenton.

His wife, a dental hygienist, and two kids are used to the moves. Calls come into the search and rescue location — there are five

across Canada and about 130 SAR Techs — at an unpredictable rate. They can get four calls a day, or less than four a week.

In the meantime, they hone their skills. "You're never done training," says Calis. Except for weekly paramedic training, they're outside the rest of the time, practicing parachuting, scuba diving and rock climbing.

SAR Techs firstly call on their physical skills on a call. (They need to stay in top form and must retire by age 55.)

But it's also a mentally demanding job, and they constantly problem solve to deal with issues raised by weather, visibility, temperature and equipment. "The guys I've worked with, they're all very abstract thinkers," says Calis.

And while you'd think

The Lowdown

Job title: Search and rescue technician (SAR Tech)

Salary: About \$70,000

Education/training: A year of paramedic and rescue training, plus constant training through courses and on the job.

Best Part of the Job: "When you rescue somebody, when you do what you're trained to do, and you bring them back to their family, it's a great feeling."

Worst Part of the Job: "Getting moved a lot."

things might get macho and competitive out there, lives are at risk. "The bravado is gone," says Calis. "It's all about the safety."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



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'Sucking up' bad for biz

If there's a bit more false flattery and loud enthusiasm at the office than usual, don't be surprised.

Whether it's called buttering up the boss, brown-nosing, sucking up or managing up, experts say ingratiating behaviour is bound to be on the rise in the workplace as workers fret about keeping their jobs in tough economic times.

But such behaviour can be bad for business, they said.

"People who tend to 'manage up' anyway are managing up more. They

really want to make sure people are noticing what they're doing," said Max Caldwell, an expert in workforce effectiveness at Towers Perrin management consultants.

"It's a mentality of 'I not only want to do a good job, but I want to be seen as doing a good job,'" he said.

That behaviour increases when stakes are high, said Jennifer Chatman, professor of organizational behaviour at the University of California at Berkeley.

"It's what we do when we feel ourselves vulnera-

ble or susceptible to the decisions of others," she said. "I would have every expectation that if we went out and tried to collect data right now, that it was going on in a big way because people are feeling more vulnerable."

In such an environment, underlings may be more likely to lavish praise on bad decisions or poor judgment by a boss and avoid being candid or bearing bad news, she said.

"It can be bad for business, keeping the yeasayers around," Chatman said.

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Aldridge released from hospital

Casey Aldridge, the boyfriend of Jamie Lynn Spears and father to her 10-month-old baby, was released from a Mississippi hospital on Friday, five days after flipping over in his pickup truck while partying with friends at a late-night bachelor party. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Entertainment

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New broker

Shia LaBeouf is in talks to take over Charlie Sheen's role as a desperate young stockbroker in the forthcoming sequel to 1987 film *Wall Street*, reports Variety.

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Silversun Pickups avoids hip scene

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Some things never change. At least that appears to be the running theme surrounding Los Angeles alternative shoe-gazers, Silversun Pickups.

The band's been active for almost 10 years. And in that time, it's gone from the cusp of hip to... the cusp of hip. "We were always the band opening up for the new hip thing," says Brian Aubert, the band's fronting vocalist and guitarist. "We would play and they would play and six months later, that scene was dead. That band would change their haircuts and reinvent themselves, and we would still open for them."

But despite the band's seemingly static state, Aubert says he's quite comfortable with the perpetuation. "You don't want to live and die by a scene."

Silversun Pickups may be through with the scene, but the scene's not through with them. The foursome just wrapped two sets at the touted South by Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas, four dates in London, and a spot at Coachella in California — all after taking an eight-month performance hiatus.

And while Aubert admits the band didn't fare too well when they first returned to the stage, he says it quickly got back on the bike. "We did a show in Kansas City before South by Southwest. I think, two days before that, it started to feel good... which is cut-



The Silversun Pickups has been active almost 10 years.

ting it close," he says with a laugh. "We're a live band. We could sit in that rehearsal space all day long, and it just doesn't feel the same. You've just got to kind of play to get good at it."

While performance context and performing itself remain relatively the same for Silversun Pickups, such is not the case for the band's music. It's built a history of dreamy shoegaze pop, with ample sonic sounds and pieces of dramatic instrumental climax. But on its new album *Swoon*, Silversun Pickups are picking up those pieces and running with them.

"We wanted to push things further in both directions — more chaotic (and) more crazy but a lot more moodier, quieter and prettier," says Aubert.

"I found I was trying to extract more emotion and more heightened sonics out of the older material, which I think could probably be a bad thing. That's how we started making *Swoon* — knowing where we wanted to go that we weren't going before."



Some of this summer's blockbusters include *Terminator Salvation* with Christian Bale, above, and *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, left.

Blockbuster summer

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

It's hard to believe, but the month of May is already upon us and with it the onset of the summer blockbuster season.

Sure, 2009 has already made some surprising splashes at the box office (I'm looking at you, Paul Blart: Mall Cop), but with such highly-anticipated releases as *Terminator Salvation* (May 22), the sixth *Harry Potter* film (July 15) and *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra* (August 7), summer should ensure some of the year's biggest moneymakers.

Here's a peek at a few of summer's exciting highlights:

STAR TREK (MAY 8)

If you don't know about J.J. Abrams' overhyped reimagining of this sci-fi franchise, then you've been living on the planet Gamma Hydra IV (and if you got that reference, you definitely knew about this remake). This should be one of the biggest hits of 2009.

UP (MAY 29)

Like *Wall-E* and every other Pixar animated flick before it, this clever comedy about an old man who converts his house into a hot-air balloon will surely send movie ticket sales skyward.

LAND OF THE LOST (JUNE 5)**Summer Preview**

An adaptation of the cheesy 1970s Saturday morning TV series, a scientist is sucked through a vortex back to prehistoric times. With Will Ferrell in charge, somehow I suspect it'll be tongue-in-cheek.

TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (JUNE 26)

Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox and those crazy morphing robots are back in this thrilling sequel. Since the 2007 original earned over \$300 million in ticket sales, I'd say this is a safe bet at the box office.

PUBLIC ENEMIES (JULY 1)

Want a guaranteed big-screen hit? Take Johnny Depp, add director Michael Mann (*Collateral*) and get them together for a movie about legendary bank robber John Dillinger. There you go. Instant hit.

BRÜNO (JULY 10)

Sacha Baron Cohen's hit character Borat comes back in the form of Brüno, a flamboyant designer who taunts everything from high-end fashion designers to gun-toting rednecks. Early buzz predicts it will be just as provocative and funny as Borat. No word yet on appearances by hairy, naked fat dudes.

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Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt haven't even been married a week, and there's already talk of babies. "Heidi wants four boys," said new sister-in-law Stephanie Pratt. "Four Spencer Pratts!" **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Miss California joins anti-gay marriage ad

After failing to stop recent gay marriage approvals in several states, opponents have found an attractive, telegenic poster woman in Miss California, a move reminiscent of beauty queen Anita Bryant's 1970s crusade against gay rights.

Miss California, a Christian college student named Carrie Prejean, joined in a

television ad campaign against gay marriage last week, upsetting homosexual rights advocates, including a head of the Miss California pageant.

In the commercial from the National Organization for Marriage, Prejean is shown at the Miss USA competition last month where she answered a question about same-sex marriage by saying she op-

Homophobic beauty queens

• In the 1970s, another beauty queen named Anita Bryant, a former Miss Oklahoma, became a voice against homo-

sexuality after leading a campaign to repeal a Miami-area gay rights ordinance.

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posed it, drawing both boos and cheers and setting off a raucous debate.

After providing that answer, Prejean was named

runner-up to Miss USA. She later said her view on marriage cost her the crown.

As gay marriage opponents have rallied around

Miss California, they have also lost key battles in recent weeks.

On Wednesday, New Hampshire's Senate passed a bill to legalize same-sex marriage and if the governor signs it, the state could become the fifth to legalize gay weddings.

Last month, Iowa became the first Midwest state to allow gay marriage, and Vermont became the first to legalize it through legislative action.

Craig Rimmerman, co-editor of The Politics of Same-Sex Marriage, said Prejean's rise to prominence comes as gay marriage opponents are on the defensive.

"The conservative right is wondering if same-sex marriage is as potent an issue politically as it was in the past," he said. "So for them to have a different spokeswoman who comes at this from a different background, they probably see this as a really positive development."

California is often characterized as a liberal state for politics in Los Angeles and San Francisco, but Prejean comes from a small town, Vista, in conservative San Diego County.

The 21-year-old is not a permanent spokeswoman for the National Organization for Marriage, but in recent weeks she has appeared on TV shows reaffirming her views on gay marriage, and Thursday she joined the group to launch the TV ad.

"I think that Carrie's story is resonating incredibly,"

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Carrie Prejean, Miss California, has upset homosexual rights advocates by joining a new anti-gay marriage TV ad campaign.

said Maggie Gallagher, the group's president. "Because she comes across as what she is, she's just a genuine, decent, honest person who stood up for truth and gave up the tiara."

Keith Lewis, the co-executive director of the Miss California pageant, said Prejean was attended to by gay beauty experts before the Miss USA contest, and that he always knew her to be friendly to gays like himself.

But Lewis said he was disappointed with her stance against same-sex weddings, and that while she keeps her crown as Miss California, she is speaking for herself on gay marriage.

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Director Howard accuses Vatican of meddling

FILM Director Ron Howard accused the Vatican on Sunday of trying to hamper the filming and the Rome roll-out of his new movie *Angels & Demons*, and challenged Catholic critics to see the film before condemning it.

The movie sequel to author Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* will premiere in Rome today, with fictional symbolist Robert Langdon returning to the big screen to help the Vatican rescue kidnapped cardinals and find a ticking time-bomb.

The Vatican was outraged by *The Da Vinci Code* and the Rome archdiocese made

no secret about denying Howard authorization to film parts of the follow-up inside its churches.

"There was supposed to be a reception or screening here in Rome ... and I suppose that the Vatican had some influence over that."

Ron Howard

Howard said the Vatican also exerted its influence "through backchannels" to try to prevent him from shooting in areas around certain churches and got an event related to the film's premiere cancelled, he said.

"There was supposed to be a reception or screening here in Rome that had been approved and I suppose that the Vatican had some influence over that," Howard told a news conference.

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Randy Rande?

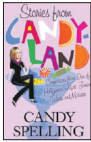
Cindy Crawford's husband, businessman and restaurant owner Rande Gerber, is being sued for sexual harassment by two former waitresses who claim they were fired for not giving in to advances made by Gerber, according to TMZ. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Spilling more Spelling secrets

Stories from Candyland

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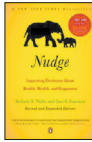


The Spelling celebrity side-show doesn't stop at Aaron and Tori: Candy, the wife and mother to those bold-face names, has found herself in the spotlight over a public feud

with her famous daughter. But hostility has a history. In *Stories from Candyland*, Mrs. Spelling recounts her life as the matriarch of a jet setting family, recalling everything from vacations to the daily life she's come to know. While *Candyland* is littered with the mundane — there's an extensive list of things Candy collects! — the memoir does explore insecurities and fears the famed mom has faced over her A-list life.

Nudge

Author: Richard H. Thaler and Cass R. Sunstein
Publisher: Penguin Canada
Price: \$17.50 (Paperback)



We all know what it feels like to overindulge. While it may be immediately gratifying to drop \$200 on a new outfit or skip cooking dinner for fattening fast food, we can't escape the consequences of making a bad decision.

In *Nudge*, the authors explore decision-making and how to avoid mistakes in areas from investment and education to food and health.

Combining behavioral studies with the knowledge of human tendencies, Thaler and Sunstein outline the value of "choice architecture" in making better decisions for individuals, government, companies and charities.

Nothing to be Frightened Of

Author: Julian Barnes
Publisher: Vintage Canada
Price: \$21 (Paperback)



Noted English author Julian Barnes' latest work is no less than a genre-flexible mashup of ideas. It's often autobiographical, but it's not his autobiography. It often critiques, but it's not quite an essay.

The title refers in part to death, which Barnes addresses at length through a tête-à-tête with his philosopher brother and recollections of his late parents' lives.

But *Nothing to be Frightened Of* isn't all doom and gloom. Barnes frequently uses his wit to colour his writing, regardless of content, and explores a potpourri of seemingly unrelated subjects from French writers to God.

— BRIAN COULTON/
FOR METRO CANADA

BookPicks

Box office



Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

- 1 Wolverine:** \$87 million US
- 2 Ghosts of Girlfriends Past:** \$15.3 million
- 3 Obsessed:** \$12.2 million
- 4 17 Again:** \$6.4 million
- 5 Monsters vs. Aliens:** \$5.8 million
- 6 The Soloist:** \$5.6 million
- 7 Earth:** \$4.2 million
- 8 Fighting:** \$4.2 million
- 9 Hannah Montana: The Movie:** \$4 million
- 10 State of Play:** \$3.7 million

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	10	10	10	ELTV	EastLink Mag.		Fishing	Harv's Sportsland (Live)	Incl. Revolution	Harv's Sportsland		EastLink Television
	36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	House "Under My Skin"	24 (HDTV PA) (N)		Fox First
news	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)			Medium (HDTV) (N)
	29	29	29	NW	World News	Business	CBC News	Newman	The Hour			National
	4	4	4	PBS-B	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Greater Boston	Highlights		Antiques Roadshow (N)			American Experience (N) (DVS)
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	23	23	23	BNN	Business News	Headline	Market Call	Berman's Call	Money Talks	Squeeze Play		Market Call
	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias	Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
	54	54	54	GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Learning	Lessons	The Golf Fix	Players	Big Break	Haney Project
	52	52	52	RSE	Hockey Central	Jays	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y.					Sportsnet Con.
	55	55	55	SCOR	(6) HSR		RaceNight			(10:15) WWE Monday Night Raw		
sports	45	45	45	SPD	Unique Whips		Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	This Week in NASCAR (N)	SuperCars	SuperCars	Auctions
	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	That's Hockey	Hockey 2009 IHLF	World Championship Qualification Round - Teams TBA.			SportsCentre
	43	43	43	FAM	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek
	44	44	44	TOON	Ben 10	Johnny Test	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch	Robot Chicken
	26	26	26	TREE	Wonder Pets	Big & Small	Backyardigans	Night Grdn	Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos
	27	27	27	TYT	Drake & Josh	iCarly	Karaoke Star Junior (N)		Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	League-Evil	Zixx Level
	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Skeletons"		Intervention "Janet"		Intervention "Brittany"	Paranormal
	70	70	70	APTN	News (N)		Notre Peuple		Tam	Pachamama	Esperanza ** (1994, Aventures)	
	50	50	50	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"		10 Countdown		Soul Plane ** (2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold.			The Game
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal "Lies"		And They Danced		Baby Ballroom	Johnny Cash Prison Concert		Johnny Cash
family	25	25	25	CMT	Dedicated		Karaoke Star Junior (N)		Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba	Hope & Faith
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Just for Laughs		Cornier Gas	South Park	Jeremy Hotz
	153	153	153	COURT	W-FIVE		World's Wildest Police Videos		Body-Evidence	Dumb Criminal		Police Videos
	38	38	38	DISC	Canada's Worst Handyman		Daily Planet (N)		MythBusters			Handyman
	48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	For Rent	Income Prop.	Property Virgin	My First Place
	46	46	46	HIST	Sinking-Athabaskan		NCIS "Recoil"		Hero Ships "USS Laffey"		Sinking-Athabaskan	NCIS
	17	17	17	MM	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		One Tree Hill		Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	Video on Trial
	19	19	19	MMM	mmtp10.ca		The Daily Fix		Ranked!		Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Entourage
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	48	48	48	OLN	The Amazing Race		Dog the Bounty Hunter		Departures "Island"		Mantracker	Bounty Hunter
cable variety	51	51	51	PEACH	Seinfeld	Friends	MLB Baseball New York Mets at Atlanta Braves. (HDTV) From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live)					Home Videos
	206	206	206	PIX	Jacob Two Two Meets the Hooded Fang		The Gate ** (1987, Horror) Louis Tripp		Rollerball *** (1975, Science Fiction)			
	67	67	67	RDI	RDI en direct	RDI en direct	24 Hours en 60 minutes		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)	RDI en direct
	39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		Cashing In	Kink in Hair	Kenny-Spenney	Kenny-Spenney
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	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1 "Abyss"		Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek Generations ** (1994, Science Fiction) Patrick Stewart.			My Wardrobe
	14	14	14	SPIKE	CSI: NY "All Access"		CSI: Crime Scene Investgnt.		CSI: Crime Scene Investgnt.		UFC Fight Night	
	98	98	98	STAR	etalk	Hollywood	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		TMZ (N)	etalk	Living the Life	Look-a-Like
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People	Table for 12	Jon & Kate
	34	34	34	TROP	Whatever	What Happen?	Vanity Insanity	E News	Carlawood	Prod. Parker	Ground Up	Smarter

Producing Parker

If "30 Rock" were a cartoon, it might look something like this new animated sitcom. Kristin Booth ("MVP: The Secret Lives of Hockey Wives") voices the Parker of the title, a rookie television producer. Unlike "30 Rock," however, this series' show within the show is a daytime talk program hosted by the demanding Dee (voice of Kim Cattrall, "Sex and the City"). 9:30 PM on TROP



Johnny Cash: A Concert Behind Prison Walls

His Folsom Prison concert was his most famous gig behind bars, but it wasn't the only show the Man in Black did for prisoners. In this performance from 1977, Cash is joined by fellow country singer Roy Clark and pop star Linda Ronstadt. 10 PM on BRAVO

Canada's Worst Handyman

For everyone who's attempted a home improvement project that went horribly wrong, here's a show to make you feel a little better about yourself. As in past seasons, it turns some of Canada's least handy men and women loose on a project, and we get to watch the results. This time, it's a 100-year-old lodge in the Ontario wilderness. Andrew Younghusband returns as host, with Geoff Woodmansey and Gail Prosser-Craig mentoring the participants. 11 PM on DISCOVERY



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Eva Longoria wants to assure her fans that when she said she was planning on moving to France, she didn't mean any time soon. "That's going to happen in, like, 20 years," the *Desperate Housewives* star told *Hollyscoop*. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Longoria not moving to France

Celebrity Buzz

Winehouse leaves hospital

HEALTH Singer Amy Winehouse is out of the hospital in St Lucia having been admitted after fainting, *ananova.com* reports. The Grammy winner was kept in for a night for observation and was found to be dehydrated.

"She fainted at home and they took her in for observation, mainly to do with her medication to check everything was OK," said Chris Goodman, her U.K. publicist. "They told her that she was dehydrat-

ed and needed to drink more water."

Winehouse had been "running around" with a group of children before she fainted, he said. She has also been photographed horse riding on the Caribbean island.

The Back to Black singer has attracted enormous amounts of media attention with her battle against drug addiction and turbulent relationship with husband Blake Fielder-Civil as much as her musical tal-

ents.

The singer has just obtained an injunction stopping members of the paparazzi from taking photographs outside her north London home. A copy of the order had been put up at the property, her spokesman confirmed.

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Demi and Madonna connect

FRIENDSHIP Madonna and Demi Moore have a lot in common, including a devotion to the Kabbalah faith and a love of younger men. In fact, Moore, who is married to Ashton Kutcher, has been singing the praises of the singer's rumored boyfriend, Brazilian model Jesus Luz, according to the *Daily Mail*.

"Demi has been really supportive of Madonna in her relationship with Jesus," a source tells the newspaper. "She knows more than anyone how great it is to date a younger guy and hopes they can make it last."

Comedy face-off

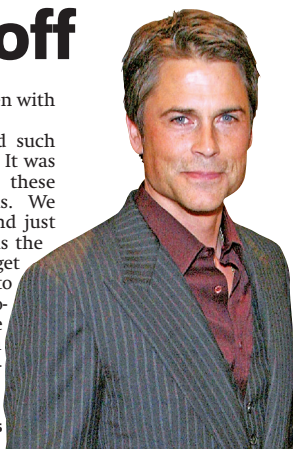
PEOPLE Rob Lowe won a comedy face-off with Ricky Gervais — and the British star got his revenge by shooting the actor in the eye with a dart, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The pair were joking around between takes on their forthcoming movie *This Side of the Truth* when the Brothers and Sisters star beat Gervais in a war of words. But *The Office* creator wasn't going down without a fight and shot Lowe in the face with

a dart gun to get even with him.

Lowe says, "I had such fun giving him hell. It was merciless. He had these amazing dart guns. We were running around just for fun and that was the only way he could get me back. He had to resort to physical violence because he couldn't take me on verbally. Only physically."

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Hilton hides behind disguise

PEOPLE Paris Hilton has bought a designer wig in a bid to fool her fans, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The socialite — who was in London recently with boyfriend Doug Reinhardt — tried to hide from the British public by splashing out on an expensive disguise from a prestigious U.K. department store.

She said: "We shopped at Harrods. I had to buy a wig in the salon there to disguise myself. But it didn't work — as usual."

The 28-year-old star didn't let the incident hinder her European visit and has revealed she loves travelling with Reinhardt.

She said: "It was so romantic to be in London for the first

time together. We both love to travel, so it's great with the business we do that we can go all over the world together."

While on their trip to London, Hilton — who has been dating *The Hills* star since February — explained the 23-year-old hunk is perfect for her because he can keep up with her globetrotting lifestyle.

She said: "It takes a lot to keep up with me and he's just about managing."

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Halliwell to adopt?

FAMILY Geri Halliwell would love to expand her family by taking in an African boy or girl — as there are so many children suffering in the continent. She tells Britain's *Red* magazine, "I know it's such a cliché for a famous person to adopt a child but that wouldn't stop me. After working for the U.N., I know the AIDS epidemic in Africa has left so many children orphaned. It would be an absolute gift to be able to do it."

The former Spice Girls star is a single mother to two-year-old daughter, Bluebell Madonna, from her relationship with British screenwriter Sacha Gervais.

But Halliwell, who recently split from fiancé Fabrizio Politti, insists she



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Madonna's appeal

LEGAL The man believed to be the biological father of Mercy, the four-year-old Malawian girl Madonna is trying to adopt, says he wants to raise her in his own culture, *people.com* reports.

"I want to take care of her, and I'm capable of taking care of my baby," James Kambewa told CBS's *The Early Show* in an interview airing today, the same day the court will

hear Madonna's appeal of the rejected adoption.

"Mercy, she is a Malawian, so (I) need her to grow as a Malawian ... with our culture," he said.

Today's hearing in Madonna's appeal case will be led by the head of the judiciary in Malawi.

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Parton talks weight

IMAGE With Kirstie Alley admitting that she regained the 75 pounds she lost and Lindsay Lohan showing off a rail-thin figure in Hawaii last week, Dolly Parton understands how hard it is to

maintain a healthy weight, *usmagazine.com* reports.

"I'm up and I'm down, but I don't have any tips for anybody," the country singer told *Usmagazine*. "It's a bitch any way you look at it. You either starve or you get fat." Parton, 63, admitted that she doesn't exercise much.

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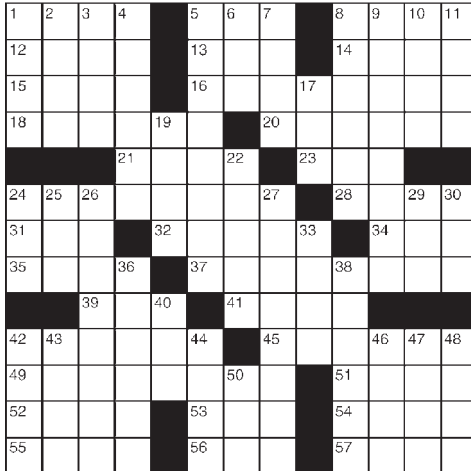
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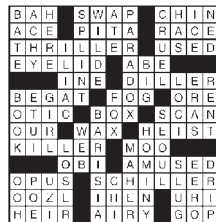
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5 Insecticide letters
8 Cooking fat
12 Cast-of-thousands movie
13 Blackbird
14 Medley
15 New Age musician John
16 Seek votes
18 But
20 Firstborn
21 Baseball legend Willie
23 Longing
24 Showy white flower
28 Appointment
31 Sapporo sash
32 Blunder
34 Ball prop
35 React in horror
37 "Gentle on My Mind" singer
39 Aye opposer
41 Untrustworthy sort
42 Slept soundly?
45 Monkey in a lab, maybe
49 Victoria's Secret buy
51 "— Karenina"
52 "So be it"
53 Scratch
54 Drunkards
55 Titanic thwarver
56 Type squares
57 Pairs

Crossword down

- 1 Folk singer Seeger
2 Pinnacle
3 Frisbee, e.g.
4 Plot
5 Long-short-short, in poetic meter
6 "CSI" evidence
7 Occasion
8 Fraudulent, as dice
9 Estrange
10 Predetermines the outcome
11 "Cut it out!"
17 Thickness
19 Tropical tree
22 Twine fibre
24 Gear tooth
25 Lawyers' org.
26 Incorrect term
27 Fans
29 Aviv preceder
30 Slithery swimmer
33 Colorful fish
36 Removing rind
38 Item in a KFC bucket
40 "Of course"
42 Wound cover
43 Appellation
44 Capitol cap
46 Winter forecast
47 "Do — others ..."
48 Back talk
50 Felonious flight

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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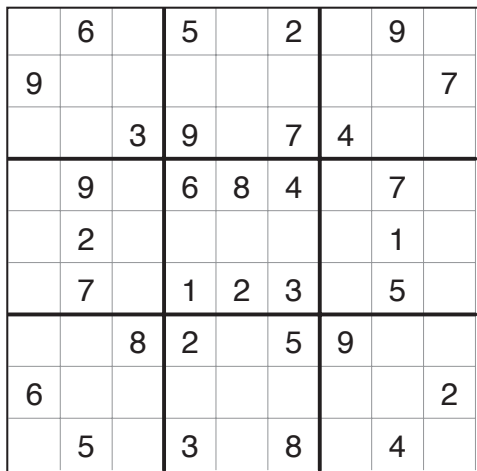
SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 minGenius
13-17 minScholar
17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Metro Recipe of the Day



Thai Beef with Papaya and Rice

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 thick-cut lean sirloin steaks
1 1/4 cups (300 ml) jasmine rice
5 cups (1.25 l) chicken stock
4 kaffir lime leaves, crushed
2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
2 firm, ripe papayas, peeled, seeded and sliced
1/2 small cucumber, halved lengthwise, seeded and sliced crosswise
20 mint leaves, shredded
1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped cilantro
1 red onion, thinly sliced
1 romaine lettuce, leaves separated

THAI LIME DRESSING:

- 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) canola oil
1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) fish sauce
1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) soy sauce
1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
grated zest, juice of 1 lime
1 chili pepper, seeded and finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed

TO SERVE:

- roughly chopped unsalted roasted peanuts

METHOD:

1. For dressing, mix ingredients together in small bowl. Spoon 1/4 cup (50 ml) dressing over the steaks and marinate for 20

- minutes. Reserve remaining dressing.
2. Put rice in pot with stock and lime leaves. Bring to boil, then cover and simmer 10 minutes, or according to package instructions.
3. Pat steaks dry with paper towels. Heat cast-iron frying pan over high heat. Brush with oil, then add steaks and cook for 2 1/2 minutes per side for rare, longer for medium or well-done. Remove steaks from pan and let rest.
4. Place papayas, cucumber, mint, coriander and red onion in bowl. Add all but 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) remaining dressing; toss gently to mix.
5. Drain rice well and divide among four plates. Arrange lettuce leaves on plates and top with papaya salad. Slice beef into strips, arrange on top of salad and spoon remaining dressing over top. Sprinkle with peanuts, then serve at room temperature.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Meaningful questions will give someone's game plan away. You should complain when expenses mount. Someone is doing something wrong.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Don't invest in a liar's scheme. Make the first move to improve your luck. Uncertainty can lead to satisfaction in unexpected ways.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Your overindulgence doesn't interest everyone. Bad manners will get on your nerves. Punitive action will be beneficial.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Money is recovered from a relative. A demanding sweetheart wants investment advice. You aren't interested in pleasing people.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

A change of location ends an unhappy affair. A disturbed person's friendship is rewarding. Ask a loud man to be discreet.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Sometimes desperate measures must be taken. A care-giver deals with a loss of power. Do something special about a party.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Pamper yourself and get more sleep. Strangers will grab some attention. An unreliable genius has a surprise.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A photograph is more important than ever. Don't let a blabbermouth go too far. A loser's arrogance provokes a threat.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

A friend's act of kindness has an impact. An unstable man is looking at your financial state. Show interest when somebody is complaining.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Wanderlust causes a chaotic adventure. Nobody will know what to do. An injustice arises when a rebel arrives.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Avaricious people are wearing you down. A regular guy has problems with jumping the gun. A friend with medical problems causes delays.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

A nonconformist can't be stopped in time. A despicable person obviously scampers along. You won't have to practise emotional restraint.

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- Pal's oxeeye daisies, i.e. (1)
- Give support to NBA star O'Neal (1)
- Sketched minor chessman (1)
- More recent TV show watcher (2)
- Egyptian monument cocktails (1)
- Singer Parton's streetcars (2)
- Russian husky dog on Spain's peninsula (1)

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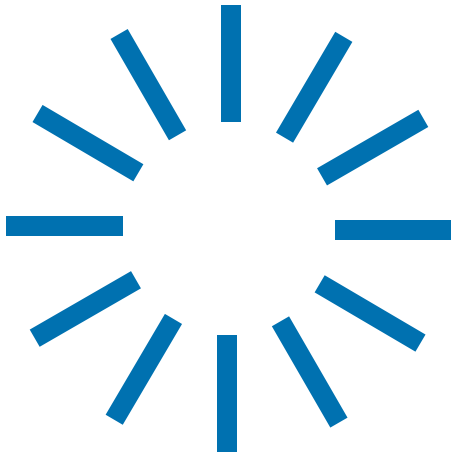
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